

Working Family Tax Cut, Job Creation and Accountability Package

Putting Oregon's families on a firm foundation for the future means taking action now to create living wage jobs and stimulate the economy. Today's revenue projections indicate troubled times ahead for the economy unless we act decisively. We need to implement the Working Family Tax Cut, Jobs and Accountability Package.

Components of the Working Family Tax Cut, Job Creation and Accountability Package

1. Change Oregon tax law to put more people in lower tax brackets, giving the average working family in Oregon a 20% tax break

Double the size of Oregon's tax brackets					
2008 Current Law			2008 Republican Proposal		
Single	Rate	Joint	Single	Rate	Joint
< \$2,900	5%	< \$5,800	< \$5,800	5%	< \$11,600
\$2,900 - \$7,300	7%	\$5,800 - \$14,600	\$5,800 - \$14,600	7%	\$11,600 - \$29,200
> \$7,300	9%	> \$14,600	> \$14,600	9%	> \$29,200

- Subjects every Oregonian's income to a smaller tax rate, and provides the greatest percentage of relief to families earning less than \$30,000 a year
- Provides the average family with an extra \$400 a year
- Restores fairness to tax structure by taking low income earners out of the higher tax brackets. Currently someone earning minimum wage pays the same tax rate as someone earning \$250,000 a year
- Creates 19,951 family wage jobs
- Puts \$375 million back into the economy
- Costs \$361 million

2. Immediately cut waste and enact strict accountability measures to pay for tax cut

- Require agencies to pay for Governor's bonus pay increases to state bureaucrats (\$120 million)
- Ask agencies to implement 5% across the board reductions (\$755.3 million)
- Establish a legislative Office of Government Accountability and Audits to work with agencies to find additional savings

On the street...

Working mom with one child

Yearly Income: \$24,000

Savings: \$244

How many months of groceries could \$244 buy?

Working family of four

Yearly Income: \$35,000

Savings: \$408

What amount of gas or school activities could \$408 pay for?

Senior couple on retirement

Yearly Income: \$32,000

Savings: \$349

How much of a year's heating bill could \$349 cover?